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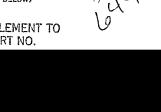
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- 1. KIMATA Shigeo (太保茂夫), better known by the pen name of KIMATA Shusui, is a former nationalist turned leftist. For the past two years he has been in the service of the Japanese Communist Party (JCP). On 7 April 1950 KIMATA joined the staff of the Shinsekai Shimbun (新世界新聞), 3 Nishino-machi, Unagitani, Linemi-ku, Osaka. This newspaper, which has a circulation of 60,000, is owned by a Korean, RYU Shi-gen (河流), and is edited by KOBAYASHI Ryuji (小林隆治)。
- Born 3 April 1912 in Kyoto, KIMATA was living at 49 Higashi-machi, Shojiin, Kamikyo-ku, Kyoto, when he was employed by the Shinsekai Shimbun. Leaving school to embark upon a journalistic career, KIMATA worked for many newspapers in the Kyoto area, advancing to the position of section chief on the Editorial Board of the Kyoto Shimbur in April 1941. He resigned in September 1942 to take a job with the Press Section of the Imperial Rule Assistance Young Men's Corps Headquarters (Yokusan Sonen-Dan Hombu). January 1945 saw KIMATA in Taipei, Taiwan, as a member of the Editorial Board of the Taiwan Shimpo.
- 3. hile in Taiwan KIMATA became friendly with a certain TAKAKUWA*(言葉), under whose influence he begen turning toward Communism. The turn was a very gradual one. After his repatriction to Japan in early 1946, KIMATA published two books which lamented Japan's post-war situation. These rocks, plus one he had written in 1943 that exalter imperial rule, almost resulted in his being purged as an ultra-nationalist. In 1946 KIPATA returned to journalism as an officer of the second Kyoto Nichi-Nichi Shimbun. Gere he was accorded rapid promotion, receiving the courtesy rank of b ard member in January 1949. The same TAKAKU. A with whom KIMATA had been acquainted in Taiwan was a colleague on the Kyoto Nichi-Nichi during these years.
- 4. Associated with a number of welfare organizations such as the Myoto Prefectural Telfare Committee, the Child Telfare Committee, and the Kyoto Committee for Assimilating Untouchables (Down Taisaku Jinkai), KIKATA was interested in helping the underprivilegel and was disappointed with

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the Occupation。 TAKAKUWA and another friend, KITAHARA Michihiko (北原道, 天), took advantage of KIMATA's sympathies to twist him more and more toward Communism. Although KIMATA still does not carry a JCP card, TAKAKUWA and KITAHARA have been card-bearers for four and two years, respectively.

Comment. This may refer to TAKAKU. A Ichiro, who is active in JCP affairs.

